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1. The military barracks in Elblag (Elbing), which were destroyed during the war, were rebuilt during 1947-1950. One tank regiment and one infantry regiment¹ are billeted in the barracks situated on the south western periphery of the town. The tank regiment is equipped with T-34 tanks. According to soldiers with whom informant has talked, the artillery guns on these tanks have been exchanged for guns of a larger caliber. These have the same caliber as the big antiaircraft guns, probably 85 mm. The informant does not know when or where this exchange of guns took place but he believes that it took place during the maneuvers in 1952. Informant heard of the exchange of guns in September 1952. The tanks are still called T-34's even though they are equipped with larger caliber guns.
2. One tank regiment is located in Malbork (Marienburg). The tank regiment is equipped with larger tanks than that at Elblag. The tanks are called Stalin and are equipped with a large artillery gun and one flame thrower (miotacz plomieni). Informant has seen these tanks but is not able to describe the difference between the T-34 and Stalin.
3. One newly organized motorized artillery regiment is located in Bialogard (Belgard)².
4. No Soviet troops are located in Elblag or Malbork, but informant does not know whether any are stationed in Belgard. According to the informant, there are many Soviet troops located in Polish East Prussia but he does not know the exact locations or types of weapons with which they are equipped.

 Comments:

1. located the 56th Infantry Regiment in Elblag.
2. reported that 200 T-34 tanks were located in Bialogard.

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